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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a **Regular Meeting** of the **Newtown Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board** is scheduled for **Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers located at 1565 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Sarasota.** This notice is hereby provided as set forth in the Zoning Code and Rules of Procedure adopted by the Newtown Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Wayne Applebee  
Economic Development Manager

### **Distribution:**

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## Newtown CRA Advisory Board Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, November 14, 2024, Time: 3:00 p.m.

City Commission Chambers; 1565 1<sup>st</sup> St., Sarasota, Fl. 34236

- I. **Call Meeting to Order**
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance
  - B. Pledge of Conduct – Chair Chau  
*We may disagree, but we will be respectful to one another. We will direct all comments to issues. We will not engage in personal attacks.*
  - C. Newtown CRA Advisory Board Mission Statement (See reverse side)
- II. **Roll Call & Board Attendance**
- III. **Changes to the Order of the Day**
- IV. **Approval of Draft Minutes from Regular Meeting of September 12, 2024**
- V. **Citizen’s Input** - Citizens may address the Board on topics **NOT** on the Agenda. Questions and answers are not permitted by the Board during this period A “Request to Speak Form” must be submitted to Staff prior to speaking. Three (3) minutes time limit per speaker and Fifteen (15) minutes maximum time for all public input per meeting. **Note:** *Should a citizen(s) have concerns regarding a topic on the agenda, they **MUST** wait until the end of the presentation, complete a “Request to Speak” form and then provide their input on said topic, at which time the board or presenter may address the citizen’s concern.*
- VI. **Presentation – Legacy Business Recognition Program**
- VII. **Unfinished Business**
- VIII. **New Business**
  - A. Celebration of Dr. MLK Jr Cultural Event Grant Application Request
  - B. Newtown CRA Entrepreneurial Start-Up Grant Program Guideline Review
  - C. Newtown CRA MLK Corridor Redevelopment Grant Program Guideline Review
- IX. **Board/Member Reports**
  - A. Business Assistance Grant Guideline and Application Revisions – Vice Chair Harris
- X. **Staff Report**
  - A. 2025 Meeting Schedule Approval
  - B. Homefront Beautification Program Update
  - C. Dr. MLK Jr. Way Visioning Project – Equity Impact Investments
  - D. Economic Development Strategic Plan/Market Analysis
  - E. Marketing and Communication Plan Vendor Selection Update
  - F. Board Member Appointments
  - G. Agenda Items for January 2025 Meeting
- XI. **Citizen’s Input** - Citizens may address the Board on topics **NOT** on the Agenda. Questions and answers are not permitted by the Board during this period A “Request to Speak Form” must be submitted to Staff prior to speaking. Three (3) minutes time limit per speaker and Fifteen (15) minutes maximum time for all public input per meeting.
- XII. **Adjournment**

**Next REGULAR Advisory Board Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2025, at 3:00 PM.**



## **Newtown Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board**

### **Mission Statement**

(Excerpt from Resolution 08R-2002, City of Sarasota)

The Advisory Board shall be the primary source of community input to the Agency (*Community Redevelopment Agency/City Commission*) and to the Agency staff. The board functions are advisory only and are to assist with the public input in the local redevelopment planning process.

The purpose and duties of the Advisory Board shall be as follows:

1. To review proposed public-private redevelopment projects and recommend to the Agency whether financial or other assistance should be provided to any such project;
2. To review the proposed annual work program and make recommendations to the Agency concerning such program, recommend project priorities to the Agency, and recommend incentives to further the redevelopment efforts and carry out and effectuate the proposed provisions of the Redevelopment Act;
3. To develop, review and make recommendations concerning Requests for Proposals for redevelopment projects in the community redevelopment area;
4. To consider matters referred to the Advisory Board by the Agency; and,
5. To receive comments from members of the public interested in redevelopment of the Redevelopment Area and to report such information to the Agency.